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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME AGREEMENT-SAMPLING AGENCIES

SUMMARY: IN POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF US-JAPAN AGREEMENT
OVER CONTROL OF CHROMIUM IMPORTS FROM S. AFRICA, GOJ HAS
DESIGNATED A PARTICULAR JAPANESE FIRM AS "OFFICIAL ANALYST"
FOR SUCH IMPORTS, THUS DOING SERIOUS HARM TO OPERATIONS OF
U.S. FIRM EXTENSIVELY INVOLVED IN MINERAL ANALYSIS HERE.
ACTION REQUESTED: CLARIFICATION OF AGREEMENT ON SAMPLING
OF JAPAN'S CHROMIUM IMPORTS; APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CORRECT
ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT MAY EXIST. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER (COPY POUCHED TO
EA/J) FROM MR. S. JANOW, PRESIDENT OF U.S. CONSULTANTS
INC., A U.S. FIRM EXTENSIVELY ENGAGED IN SAMPLING AND
ANALYSIS OF JAPANESE MINERAL IMPORTS, INCLUDING CHROMIUM
ORES. ACCORDING TO MR. JANOW, MITI HAS INTERPRETED OUR
RECENT AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN ON CONTROL OF RHODESIAN
CHROME BEARING IMPORTS TO MEAN THAT ONLY THE JAPAN
MARINE SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION (NIPPON KAIJI KENTEI
KYOKAI) CAN FUNCTION AS THE GOJ'S DESIGNATED ANALYST
OF CHROME IMPORTS FROM S. AFRICA. MITI APPARENTLY
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TOLD JANOW THAT IT HAS A SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING WITH
THE U.S. TREASURY DEPT. TO THAT EFFECT. (JANOW CITED
MAY 26-27 MEETINGS BETWEEN S.L. SOMMERFIELD, DIRECTOR
OF TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL AND
S. HAYASHI, DIRECTOR OF MITI'S IRON AND STEEL PRODUC-
TION DIVISION AS LEADING TO THIS AGREEMENT.)

2. JANOW POINTED OUT THE MARINE SURVEYOR'S ASSOC. IS NOT A GOJ AGENCY, BUT IS IN FACT A COMPETITOR OF U.S. CONSULTANTS INC. HE CONTENDS THAT MITI'S ACTION IN APPOINTING THE JAPANESE FIRM AS THE SOLE ANALYST OF S. AFRICAN CHROME IMPORTS HAS UNJUSTLY TAKEN AWAY A LARGE SHARE OF U.S. CONSULTANTS' BUSINESS AND WILL DO THE FIRM'S OPERATIONS SERIOUS DAMAGE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. CLARIFICATION OF TREASURY'S AGREEMENT WITH MITI ONSAMPLING OF JAPAN'S CHROME IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO DESIGNATED AGENCIES FOR THIS WORK. IF THE JAPANESE MISUNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURES UNDER OUR RHODESIAN CHROME AGREEMENT, WE REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION.
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